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1. The 1st Air Div, stationed in Bucharest, was commanded by Col Anton Stefanescu. Regiments of this division were:
 - a. 1st Ftr Regt in Bucharest-Popesti-Leordeni, commanded by Lt Col Ignat, (fnu). * The regiment was equipped with Me-109s G6. The pilots were being retrained with Yak aircraft.
 - b. 2d Ftr Regt in Ploesti-Targosor, with the same equipment and training as the 1st Ftr Regt.
 - c. 3rd Ftr Regt, in process of organization in Craiova.
2. The 2d Air Div, stationed in Brasov, was commanded by Col Zaharescu, (fnu) formerly military attaché in Berlin. ** Regiments of this division were: a bomber regiment in Brasov, equipped with unknown types of Rumanian aircraft; a long-range fighter regiment in Galati; and a transport regiment in Bucharest-Giulesti. ***

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Comment. First report that Lt Col Ignat was commander of the 1st Ftr Regt in Bucharest-Popesti. According to a former report Maj Dan Scurtu was the CO of this regiment. For biographic sketch on Lt Col Ignat furnished by a former Rumanian captain, see Annex.

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Comment. On 10 August 1948, Zaharescu reportedly was chief of staff of the Rumanian Air Force.

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Comment. The status of the 1st Air Div with its three regiments in Bucharest-Popesti, Ploesti-Targosor and Craiova was previously reported and is believed to be correct. The numerical designation of the three individual regiments does not correspond with previous information. Since source lives in Craiova the statement that the fighter regiment stationed there has the numerical designation 3 this is presumably correct. The organization of the 2d Air Div is still not clear. The long range fighter regiment in Galati is the 3rd Long-Range Ftr Regt, according to another report.

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